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THIS WEEK

CAMPUS

Art Exhibit

The Department of Art's Visiting Artist Series continues this trimester with an exhibit by Erin Furimsky Monday, Nov. 16, through Friday, Dec. 11, in the first floor gallery space of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

Furimsky, whose works in clay are built by hand, will give a lecture on her work at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, in DeLuce 244. The event is free and open to the public.

Local Author

John Gallaher, a prize-winning poet and assistant professor of English, is the featured author of this year's third Local Authors Luncheon.

The luncheon, sponsored by the Bearcat Bookstore, is open to the public and begins at noon Tuesday, Nov. 17, in the J.W. Jones Student Union's First Ladies Dining Room.

Yuletide Feaste

Tickets are on sale now for the 36th annual Yuletide Feaste. It begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, through Saturday, Dec. 5, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Tickets cost \$27.95 and can be purchased at the music/art office on the first floor of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building, room 101. Payment can be made using cash, check, credit card or a University ID, and students can charge one ticket on their Aladine account.

Faculty Exhibit

Seven faculty members' work will be on display in an exhibit at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art in St. Joseph.

The exhibit will be open from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. beginning Friday, Nov. 20, and will run until Jan. 10, 2010.

For additional information, please contact Phil Laber at 660.562.1323.

COMMUNITY

Blood drive

The United Methodist Church will be hosting a blood drive Monday Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All registered donors will receive a special Community Start Club T-shirt.

Appointments can be made online at www.esavealife.org.

BEARCATS

Friday

- Volleyball vs. Truman at Bearcat Arena, 7 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Missouri (exhibition), 7 p.m.

Saturday

- Volleyball at Missouri Southern, 5 p.m., Joplin Mo.

Sunday

- Women's Basketball vs. Upper Iowa at Bearcat Arena, 2 p.m.

Monday

- Men's Basketball vs. Manhattan Christian at Bearcat Arena, 7 p.m.

SPOOFHOUNDS

Saturday

- Football vs. Hogan Prep (District Playoffs) at Maryville High School, 1:30 p.m.

CENTER FOR INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR HIMADRI Chakraborty offers help to student Lacy Cheeks in the CIE building Wednesday. The newly opened building hosts the chemistry and physics department.

TWO MONTHS LATER

Officials cite progress in CIE, say growth is just as expected

By Cassie Thomas
Missourian Reporter

Since opening this August, the Center for Innovative Entrepreneurship (CIE) has reached between 30 and 40 percent occupancy and is generating approximately \$5,300 worth of revenue with rent and fees per month.

Three tenants have utilized the space for their businesses: Carbolytic Materials Company, Practical Sustainability, LLC and Riley and Rabel Con-

sulting, LLC.

There is one virtual tenant, Alyoop, Inc. As a virtual tenant, who has contracted with Northwest and runs an internet based business. Northwest students are working with them to develop programming software, but the company does not utilize any space within the building.

There are plans for another virtual tenant who will be working with computer science students through the CIE. The

name of this tenant will be released once a pending grant is received.

Charles McAdams, the dean of the college of arts and sciences, is currently co-chair of the CIE Advisory Board, along with Thomas Billesbach, dean of the Booth college of business and professional studies.

The CIE advisory board is in charge of structuring policies and guidelines for the operation of the CIE, but their main job is reviewing applications

submitted by potential tenants, both student based or non-student based, and deciding whether the proposed project meets the criteria previously set by the board.

These criteria include: the tenant's long-term goal must fit in with the goals of the university, it must impact the students through student employment or observation opportunities and it must have an economical im-

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VETERANS DAY

U.S. Soldier recalls service for students

By Matthew Leimkuehler
Missourian Reporter

Maryville is a community where veterans are found throughout, and each has their own unique story and experience to share. From World War II to Iraq, every veteran deserves the time to share their story, no matter how big or small.

One veteran with experience overseas that resides in the community is Bob Bohlken. Bohlken is a retired professor from Northwest and a veteran of the

Korean and Cold Wars.

"I spent about a year and a half over seas, and the threat that time was communism," Bohlken said. "You were always on guard."

Bohlken spent his time over seas, in Anabanch, Germany, during the time of tension between the U.S.S.R. and the United States most historically referred to as The Cold War. Many interesting, and quite frightening experiences came Bohlken's way while serving in Germany.

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"I was doing guard duty and I heard rustling in the brush. We didn't have shells in the gun, so I yelled 'Hault, who goes there?' and still the rustling. I went to the Lieutenant who was sleeping in the tent and told him there was somebody out there and I need help," Bohlken said. "He said 'Hault, who goes there?' and no response, and then he said, 'Bohlken you go in there and find out who it is.' It was a flock of sheep



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PFC BLAKE SMITH displays the American flag while a song is played in honor of soldiers currently fighting in the war.

CITY COUNCIL

Smoking ban still heated, business owners fearful for future

By Kylie Guier
Asst. News Editor

Opponents and supporters came out to voice their opinion on the smoking ban proposal at the final public hearing Monday.

Mayor Chad Jackson announced that the City Council will not be making any decisions on the proposed smoking ban right now.

"We are not taking action tonight or next meeting," Jackson said. "We as a council need to decide do we want to consider this

ordinance or find another route."

Approximately 60 people were in attendance for the meeting. Each side was given 15 minutes to voice their concerns, and then each side received an additional 10 minutes.

Amos Clampit from the American Legion returned with a second list of names against the ban. He originally turned in a petition with 899 signatures and the new list had an additional 602. He said 80 to 90 percent of American Legion members

smoke and the ban could hurt business.

"It will make a difference," Clampit said. "I'm worried about the American Legion."

Many of the opponents of the ban were business owners that were not only concerned about losing customers, but confused by the ban of smoking within 20 feet of any workplace doors.

Pat Nelson of the Maryville Elks Club said he is concerned the ban's 20 feet rule will ruin a business investment.

"We spent \$2,400 putting in a deck in the back. If this passes we won't be able to use a \$2,400 investment because no part of it is more than 20 feet away," Nelson said. "If you go out the front door, you'd have to go to the middle of the street to smoke."

The owner's of Bearcat Lanes bowling alley, Deon and Jodee Roush, have decided to compromise on the issue despite being opponents of the ban. They have

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TRACI HARR SPOKE in defense of passing the ban on smoking in public places in Maryville. The subject will not be on the agenda again until early Dec.

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CRISIS RESPONSE

New club focuses on disaster preparation

By Greg Miller
News Editor

Preparation is key when working an emergency, and a new student organization's mission is to provide that preparation and to focus efforts when it is most vital.

Because students who minor in crisis response have different majors, they are often scattered across campus. This proved difficult when these students decided to put their studies to good use.

"There was no way to unite them, or help them help the campus," Crisis Response Club President Chris Edwards said.

The group hopes to establish seminars and programs to help campus students prepare for the worst. Because the crisis response students are spread out across multiple departments across campus, it was difficult for these students to concentrate their efforts in a group setting.

"If you don't have an organization, you don't have a way to mobilize people with certain skill sets," he said. "I hope to see students get engaged and see that they can be in control."

The start is small for the organization, but the focus right now is to create an infrastructure for the future.

"I don't think students realize that things are going to happen," Crisis Response Club Secretary Annie Mack said. "Basically, our goal is to prepare them."

Earlier this year, the training program C-CERT, campus-community emergency response team, was offered to prepare campus and community members for disaster scenarios. The goal then was for the course to become a student-run organization.

Next year, the group hopes to begin working on seminars focusing on response efforts during ice storms or other severe weather. By organizing these seminars, the association hopes Northwest students will be prepared if and when an emergency arises.

"Be a responder, not a victim," Edwards said.

So far there are 12 ratified members in the organization. The goal of this group is not to scare others about possible emergencies, but help them prepare to face the inevitable.

"You're not going to find this at any other university," Mack said.

MR. NORTHWEST



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DELTA CHI ASSOCIATE member Cameron Madsen won Alpha Sigma Alpha's Mr. Northwest competition. All of the proceeds from the event went to Special Olympics.

Pageant offers acceptance to athletes

By Brittany Keithley
Design Editor

On Monday night curtains parted in the Charles Johnson Theatre as eleven men lined up for a cause.

Though the cause involved dancing, magic, music and laughter, its effect reached beyond the auditorium and touched countless lives.

Eight Northwest men and three Special Olympic athletes participated in the Fifth Annual Mr. Northwest Pageant which included rounds of talent, swim wear and formal wear.

This is the first year athletes from the cause have taken part in the pageant.

Katie Hrenchir, associate area director of Northwest Missouri Special Olympics, helped judge the contestants.

"The main reason I'm

excited is because they are being accepted by their peers," Hrenchir said. "A lot of the athletes don't have a cure for their diseases, the cure we offer them is acceptance."

The pageant opened with a choreographed dance remix which included songs "Loosen Up My Buttons," "Lip Gloss," "Party in the USA," and "Eye of the Tiger."

Once opening festivities ended with introductions of each contestant, the talent portion began.

Outstanding acts included a magic show, several musical performances, ribbon dancers, skits and cup stacking.

James Kindred, a 26-year-old Special Olympic athlete from St. Joseph, stole the show. He requested to be introduced as "A Gift from God," did flips across the stage and danced to Michael

Jackson's "Beat It."

Contestants strutted across the stage in the swim wear round as several men flexed their muscles.

Special Olympic athlete Chris Ringot, 23, displayed several gold medals around his neck. Ringot has been participating in the competition for several years and holds a swimming record.

"Special Olympics have given me more confidence. We feel more successful and it has helped me make a whole lot of friends," Ringot said. "Special Olympics are like a family to us."

Alpha Sigma Alpha sponsored the pageant to raise funds as their organization's philanthropy.

The pageant is more than a fundraiser for the girls involved in it. Sophomore Lindsey Atagi was a co-chair

for the event and spoke for the whole sorority when talking about Special Olympics.

"The pageant is near and dear to Alpha Sigma Alpha's heart. We raise money throughout the year and in spring help with the Special Olympic event in St. Joseph," Atagi said.

The evening came to a close with the crowning of this year's Mr. Northwest Cameron Madsen. Sponsored by his fraternity, Madsen was excited to be able to take part in the pageant.

"I came to have a good time. Win or lose, I wanted to have a good show and it was a very rewarding experience," Madsen said.

The pageant offered more than amusement to its audience Monday night, but also acceptance to three special participants.

SAC UNPLUGGED

Acoustic artist brings passion, views to her performances across country

By Mark Kauffman
Missourian Reporter

Sometimes, things line up just right. An artist's autumn music tour and Northwest's search for acoustic musicians is the perfect example.

"We bring solo, acoustic artists to campus," Zachary Farwell, Concert Co-Chair with the Student Activities Council, said of SAC Unplugged.

Seven acoustic artists are hired by SAC Unplugged to play on campus. Kailin Garrity was featured Monday.

Garrity's style mixes rock

and soul, expressing Garrity's worldview in a powerful way.

"I started out writing songs about the universal feelings. Love and heartbreak and that kind of thing," Garrity said. "Now it's really like I'm trying to make more of a statement."

Yet Garrity makes it clear she doesn't want to get "too political." This might seem to contrast with her MySpace blogs against Proposition 8, barring gay marriage in California, and bonuses to AIG executives.

It might seem like mixed signals, but it's not for Garrity. She tries to speak about things in a more universal approach.

"I want to write songs that make people think," Garrity said.

Her start came in 1994, age 14, watching Bonnie Raitt "wailing on her Strat." From then on, she knew what to do.

"It was a confirmation for me, I knew this was what I wanted to do forever," Garrity said. "She was connecting with a such a mass audience. Now I want to be the one that's inspir-

ing others."

In realizing her musical dreams, Garrity recorded a demo CD in 2004. Two years later, she moved to New York City and formed a band, playing shows at several local venues.

"It was a huge transition from a small town to the big city. The City was so exciting and it had so much energy," Garrity said.

Garrity spends a lot of time performing across the country. She is currently on an autumn tour of college campuses, doing shows in 20 states.



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KAILIN GARRITY PERFORMS an original song Monday night at J.W.'s Grill while playing for SAC Unplugged. Garrity is currently on her 2009 autumn tour.

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FOOD PANTRY

Hard times make for hard holidays

By Philip Gruenwald
Missourian Reporter

Thanksgiving is the day we have dedicated to the remembrance of all that we have been given. It's a time of food, family and football. Yet amidst the gluttony and feasting are those to whom Thanksgiving means something completely different. They're poor and hungry, and they live right here in Maryville.

Fortunately, there's a place on Main Street that seeks to give such people something to be thankful for on Thanksgiving. The Ministry Center Food Pantry and Clothing Room is a volunteer-run nonprofit organization serving all of Nodaway County.

"Everybody in the community is involved in our organization. Everybody," Juanita English, coordinator of the Clothing Room said.

Originally begun by the Baptist Church, the Clothing Room soon outgrew its confines of the small church basement. Mark Albee and a small committee of six people joined the Clothing Room with the Food Pantry, started by the First Methodist

Church, and put them under the same roof – the building you see on Main Street today.

"It's a big operation. It's not just run by a couple of peanuts," English said.

Rod Shain, Food Pantry director, can attest to that.

"We're doing whatever we can with as much as we have, and hopefully we'll go on assisting people in need," Shain said.

Shain has been with the Food Pantry since 2000, a year after they moved to their current location. Since his involvement he has seen considerable growth in the program.

"When we first started out we only gave a three-day food supply to each family (per month). Now we give a three-week supply," Shain said. "So that, plus food stamps should give families no problem feeding their children."

The Food Pantry is currently gathering donations for their Holiday Package giveaway, set to kick off Dec. 1. In addition to the regular food items, each family will receive 11 Thanksgiving classics including

turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, dessert and others.

"We want to give everyone the same chance to enjoy the holidays," Shain said.

Roughly 40 percent of the food inventory is donated by local stores and restaurants. This food may have been overstocked or damaged.

"Americans waste too much food. Wal-Mart won't sell food if it doesn't look neat, and they won't sell dented cans. Dented cans never hurt anybody," Food Pantry shopper Joe Carter said.

A Northwest student in 1959, Carter served in the Vietnam War before getting a job as a truck driver.

"I was sick and tired of having to haul food only to throw it away," Carter said. "More power to these people at the Food Pantry if they can use the food."

Now unemployed, Carter must visit both the Food Pantry and the Clothing Room.

English estimated as many as 35 churches in Nodaway County support the Ministry with donations and service. Other charitable contributors



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VOLUNTEER VIC SOLAN helps a customer load groceries in her car Wednesday afternoon. Solan volunteers at the Maryville Ministry Center every day.

include Northwest students.

"The Fraternities and Sororities donate a lot of food for Thanksgiving. We get a lot of support from the University," Joseph Christensen, volunteer said. He and his wife, Nellie, volunteer at the Clothing Room.

"Other Northwest groups sort food, or donate needed items listed in the paper."

English, Shain and the Christensens are only few of the many volunteers striving to make the upcoming holidays a celebration for everyone, regardless of their level of income.

"We're all just working together to satisfy a need that none of us thought was this big of a deal in Nodaway County," Shain said. "It kind of opens your eyes."

BRANSON NIGHT

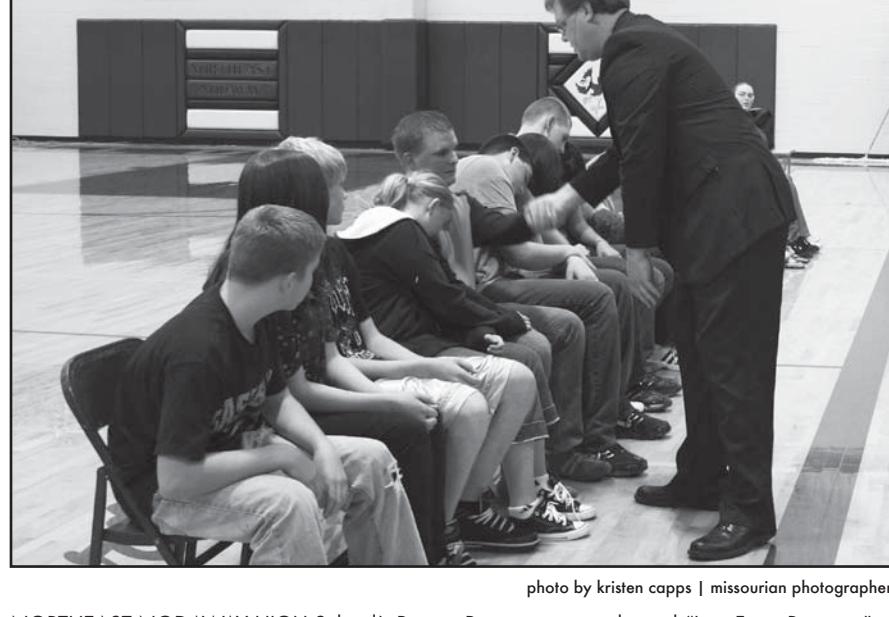


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NORTHEAST NODAWAY HIGH School's Project Prom committee hosted "Live From Branson" at 7 p.m., Nov. 6. Professional hypnotist Dennis Dyle entertained the audience by hypnotizing a group of students. During the hypnosis he had the volunteers laughing, crying and making faces behind his back.

ST. GREGORY'S

Catholic teens travel to worship with thousands

By Kylie Guier
Asst. News Editor

Local Catholic youth will join thousands in worship during a National Catholic Youth Conference, NCYC, this year in Kansas City.

NCYC is the largest Catholic youth event in the country. More than 20,000 teens will join together at the Sprint Center.

Bishop Robert Finn and Archbishop Joseph Naumann will lead participants in a procession from the Sprint Center, west on 14th St. and conclude at Bartle Hall. The event is Nov. 19-21.

The event's theme is "Christ Reigns" and allows youth to participate in workshops,

prayer and celebrate the closing mass with 25,000 others.

St. Gregory's Church has 12 teenagers attending this year.

The conferences are held every two years in cities across the country. This time it is much closer for the teens.

Sarah Day, director of youth ministry at St. Gregory's Church, along with a parent, will be attending the conference as chaperones. She felt the opportunity for youth to participate was unique.

"I think the most important thing is to develop an understanding that you're not the only person in your walk of faith," Day said. "There are many people just like you, your age, that enjoy worshipping."

The conference provides multiple sessions on prayer and worship.

"There are different sessions that kids can attend based on what they might be interested in learning regarding their faith with the Catholic Church," Day said.

Session topics will range from reconciliation to liturgy.

Day said the opportunity for the teenagers involved is an exciting one and that there will be plenty to do and learn from.

"I hope that what they take away from it is just a freer feeling of being able to express themselves with their faith," Day said. "Not being afraid of being ridiculed for their faith or practicing their faith."

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OUR VIEW

People suffer year-round, not only on holidays

In times of economic hardship, many people are left without basic necessities we often take for granted, such as warmth and food.

When we think of poverty and unsafe living conditions, oftentimes we think of civil war and famine within some distant and remote area across the oceans. Even though citizens of the United States do not suffer as deeply as many of the people in the world, too great of a number suffer nonetheless. And the majority of these are chil-

dren born to impoverished families.

Just two weeks from the Thanksgiving holiday, many people stress the importance of giving, whether it is through food, clothing or winter coats.

The average person will say that people are poor because they choose to be in such a way, a parasite upon the state. While in some instances this is true, many people are legitimately struggling to barely make ends meet in an economi-

cally demanding generation.

Can any of us honestly imagine making do and providing for a family on a salary of minimum wage? While it is true that the state is responsible for the welfare of its people, times are still tough for those living within meager means. The welfare of a country's citizens goes beyond government aid.

As a member of a community, it is everyone's responsibility and obligation to pick up the slack if

one has the means to do so. A holiday, such as Thanksgiving, really drives this home for many people.

However, poverty does not just strike on holidays. People feel the pangs of hunger and the bite of the wind year-round, not just on Thanksgiving or Christmas day.

People do not face shut-off situations only two days a year, nor are children left without toys only on Christmas day.

Yet how often do we

forget this? How often do we give to appease our consciences and not to combat the actual issues?

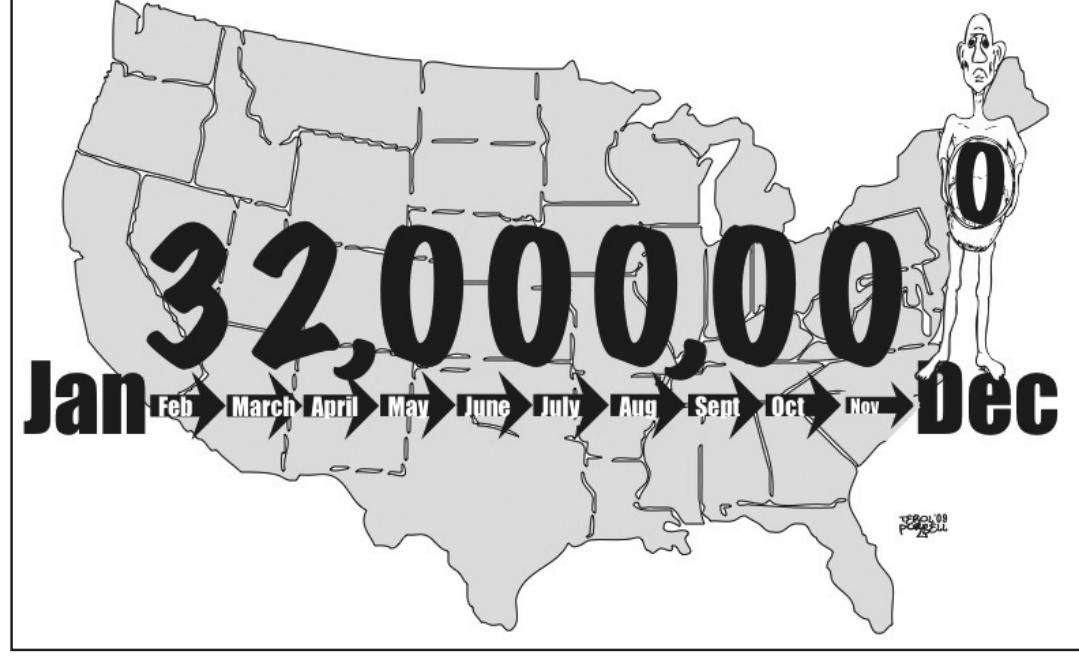
Our society is one of a selfish nature, formed from individual responsibility within our framed goal of independence. And even though we should never forget the responsibility of the individual to make it or break it, so to speak, we are still bound to the betterment of mankind. Yet we often forget this. We often forget that the birth of our

government was within a society that could provide basic necessities at an easier rate. The progression of generations has decreased the ability of complete self-sufficiency. Our current society must work to meet this gap every day.

Do not think of the family that struggles for basic necessities only seasonally. Do not give solely to appease your conscience. Give when it is needed because it is needed. As a people, that burden falls upon us all.

WHAT THE DEUCE

CARTOON



MY VIEW

UN, US should not remain silent about China



Kathleen Wilmes
Opinion Editor

The United States has seen more than its share of policy shifts post Sept. 11. However, what many of us do not think about is the international change to a more global appeasement policy to those states that combat what they call terrorism.

I can think of several examples in which governments abroad have used the excuse of combating terrorism to justify whatever human rights violations they commit, including Israel, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and China. Although I have already discussed Israel's methods in regards to the Gaza Strip and Lebanon, what I have not is arbitrary arrests and the disappearing of people.

A more recent case involves the Muslim Uighurs within Xinjiang, an autonomous region of China. Yet despite the autonomy, Xinjiang is still under strict control by the central government and suffers deeply from oppression.

Much of the suppression includes Han migration to dilute the minority's culture, religious repression, discrimination in

regards to job opportunity and violence by the Han Chinese that migrated to the Xinjiang area.

In response, the Uighur separatists led a riot in July, which cost about 200 lives. The ones that took the brunt of the violence were reported to be

Han Chinese, the ethnic group holding the most political and economic influence.

China has answered with a campaign to hunt these accused rioters and "disappear" them without holding open trials, and according to Human Rights Watch, one reported case includes a 14 year-old boy.

Even though some of these cases have received formal charges, such as life imprisonment and the death penalty, many people still do not know where their loved ones have gone.

The Chinese government is calling for unity among these opposing ethnic groups. However, in such a large area with deep divisions, unity can only be achieved by the respect of all ethnic groups, not just the lead-

ing majority.

Every government must protect its borders from both outside and inside forces, this none can deny. Still, I must stress the importance of restraint in regards to the amount of force used. No state should ever go beyond the amount of force necessary to combat an issue, no matter what that state is.

Furthermore, the United Nations, a body that supports peace and human rights everywhere, should not stand by and watch one of its leading members commit such acts.

And the United States, which forces the idea of liberty and democracy abroad, should never give support to a state that abuses the human rights of its members to such a high degree, even if that state is our "partner".

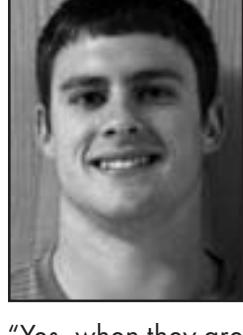
While I think that any significant and lasting change must come from internal movement, at the same time in no way should we give our support by silence.

I have written before, and I will stand by this: we should not take any benefit if it is covered in the blood of another, if it took the loss of one's liberty in the process of seeking gain, progress and advancement.

The Supreme Court recently decided to hear the cases of two prisoners who committed non-homicidal crimes and were sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. In 2005, the Supreme Court ruled that the death penalty for juveniles was unconstitutional in *Roper v. Simmons*. The question now, however, is not about the constitutionality of killing a minor, but rather incarcerating a minor for the rest of his or her life, despite underdeveloped areas in the brain that control reasoning, judgment and impulse control. According to the New York Times, one case involved a minor a month before his 18th birthday that committed home robberies; the other, a prisoner sentenced at the age of thirteen who was convicted of raping an elderly woman.

CAMPUSTALK

Should it be unconstitutional to sentence juveniles to life in prison?



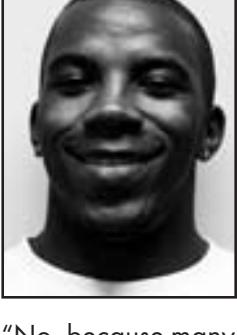
"Yes, when they are minors they don't have the brain capacity to make a life threatening decision."



"Yes I do think it should be unconstitutional for juvenile offenders to be sentenced to life imprisonment because their brains have not fully developed."



"Yes, because they are not adults, they should be in juvenile hall and have parole/probation at 18 for their crimes."



"No, because many minors commit crimes as it is."



"It depends on what they did."

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THROUGH THE YEARS

Nov. 8 1971
Snuffleupagus debuts as Big Bird's best friend. He can only be seen by Big Bird at the time and would not be seen by the rest of the cast until 1985.

July 1980
"Sesame Place," a Sesame Street-themed theme park, opens in Pennsylvania.

Dec. 7 1982
Will Lee, the actor who plays Mr. Hooper, dies of a heart attack.

Nov. 18, 1985
Elmo debuts.



Nov. 22 1993
First Lady Hillary Clinton visits Sesame Street.

Dec. 1996
"Tickle-Me Elmo" is the holiday's best-selling toy.

1999
Big Bird appears on a postage stamp.

April 23 2002
Elmo testifies before Congress to discuss the importance of music education.



2005
Sesame Street wins 101st Emmy, setting a record.

Aug. 11 2008
Sesame Street debuts in high definition.

Nov. 10 1969
Sesame Street debuts.



Nov. 1970
Big Bird appears on the cover of Time, and the magazine declares it the "best children's show in television history."

Nov. 27 1972
The Count debuts.

1979
Big Bird appears in "The Muppet Movie" to tell Kermit he's on his way to New York City to make it big in public television.



1981
Big Bird pays a visit to "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood."

Nov. 24 1983
The death of Mr. Hooper, and how death is a part of life is explained by the humans to Big Bird and the others. The episode wins an Emmy.



April 1990
First Lady Barbara Bush visits Sesame Street.

1994
Big Bird receives a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.



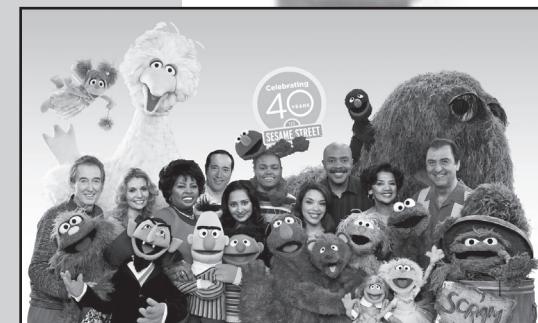
Nov. 16 1998
"Elmo's World" debuts.

March 27 2001
A hurricane destroys Big Bird's nest in an episode that teaches children how to deal with loss.

Feb. 4 2002
New York Firefighters visit Sesame Street following the September 11 Terrorist Attacks, and help put out a fire.

April 8 2003
First Lady Laura Bush visits Sesame Street.

Nov. 10 2009
First Lady Michelle Obama visits on the premiere episode of the 40th season to plant a garden with Elmo and the children.



SESAME STREET IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE NUMBER 40

By Brian Johnson
Features Editor

When Sesame Street debuted on Nov. 10 1969, children's television would forever be changed. With colorful characters like Big Bird, Elmo, Bert and Ernie and Oscar the Grouch, the show provided an entertaining and educational platform to teach children about numbers, letters and lessons of life.

With no signs of slowing down, the show looks to be teaching and delighting children for another 40 years.

As Sesame Street embarks on its 40th season this week, let's look back on some of the more memorable moments of a show that will forever have a place in television history, and in the hearts of those who grew up watching.



SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Brian "The Bulldog's" picks

Prediction record (14-18)

NCAA Lock

Nebraska at KU — Go Big Red
Well it's obvious the Nebraska offense is not doing anything. But the Husker defense might be the best in the country. The Blackshirts will shut down the Chicken Hawks and I think a not so great KU defense may be just what the doctor ordered to spark the Husker offense.

NCAA Upset

Notre Dame at Pitt — Irish
Pittsburgh's No. 12 ranking is the after effect of a weak conference. I'm not a big Irish fan, but I think Heisman hopeful Jimmy Clausen can lead his team past Pittsburgh, who's biggest win is against South Florida.

NFL Lock

Denver at Washington — Den.
After dropping two straight games, the Broncos should get back on track with a game that even the Chiefs won.

Jason's Picks

Prediction record (15-17)

NCAA Lock

Clemson at NC State — Tigers
Clemson pulled off a shocker a couple weeks ago in knocking off a solid Miami team. This week they're favored and should take care of business.

NCAA Upset

Nebraska at Kansas — KU
I don't know why I'm still sticking with them, since they've sent me to defeat the last two weeks. They aren't even winning as the favorite, but I guess this is what being a fan is all about. Rock Chalk!

NFL Lock

Dallas at Green Bay — Cowboys
The Cowboys have really turned it on in the last couple weeks and are going to be the shocker pick out of the NFC if they can keep it up. Tony Romo is firing on all cylinders and Myles Austin is just making mince-meat out of opposing defenses right now.

Tony's Picks

Prediction record (3-3)

NCAA Lock

Missouri at K State — KSU
I don't know what Bill Snyder has been telling the Wildcats these days, but it's working. Missouri is embarrassing this year, especially after this last weekend's "stellar" performance against Baylor. 'Cats get a big home win.

NCAA Upset

Michigan St. at Purdue — Purdue
Ohio State and Michigan have already fallen victim to the Boilermakers and their less than thrilling offense. The Spartans have struggled in close games this season, and this game should come down to the fourth quarter. Boilermakers squeak by in another close one.

NFL Lock

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh — Pitt.
Ben Roethlisberger and the "Steel Curtain" defense will have no troubles with handling Ochocinco and Carson Palmer. Big Ben will stay clutch and put up big numbers.

Seth's Picks

Prediction record (11-15)

NCAA Lock

Auburn at Georgia — Georgia
What happened to Auburn's offense? It is no longer existent and the Bulldogs will take advantage of that at home.

NCAA Upset

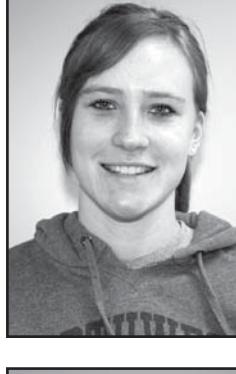
Tennessee at Mississippi — Tenn.
Ole Miss has been such a disappointment this year. Their potential was limitless, but instead they have completely fallen off everyone's radar and out of the Top 25. Look for Tennessee to beat up on an already battered Ole Miss squad.

NFL Lock

Buffalo at Tennessee — Tenn.
A resurgent Titans team is learning how to win again under Vince Young. The dual threat QB is giving his team some added energy, which doesn't bode well for a bad Buffalo team. If the Buffs would just let Omon run this would be a different story.

AROUND THE CAMPUS

What are your plans for Northwest's first basketball game in Columbia?



"I plan on supporting them from Maryville and checking the scores."

Emily Marin
Biology/Psychology



"Well, I wish I could go, however I have to work all weekend. Good luck Northwest."

Michael Macias
Park and Rec Management

Top 2 picks

By Johnalyn Vasquez
Missourian Reporter

Coming to Theaters: "2012" opens Friday. Never in history has there been a date as meaningful and catastrophic. So consequential in religions from all over the world, so important that it not only concerns religious aficionados, but scientists as well. It has long been known that the Mayan calendar predicted 2012 would be the year to end all years, and the world as we know it; Armageddon. Now the movie "2012" depicts the gallant efforts of the Doomsday survivors. In action flick in all sense of the word, "2012" is a definite must see, if not only to make you think.

Album to Listen to: After a two-year hiatus, Dashboard Confessional is back, and their new album "Alter the Ending" proves they've still got it. Released on Tuesday "Alter the Ending" is the official follow up to the 2006 gold album "Dusk and Summer". Produced by Butch Walker, who also produced Weezer, Katy Perry and Quietdrive, fans of the old Dashboard Confessional will be pleasantly surprised. Their EP "Belle of the Boulevard" is a preview of the rest of the album. Sure to do amazing in sales, get yourself a copy.

STROLLER

Your Man says feel free to light up

Let the record show that Your Man is no smoker. But one thing is for sure, if I was a smoker, I would be rather upset. This recent smoking ban proposal is just lunacy, and I'm not scared to say it. Offices; sure. Private businesses; ok, yeah makes sense. Retail stores and recreational centers; right on. Bowling alleys; now you've got me asking questions. But bars? Are you joking?

Go ahead and get it out of your systems, call me all the bad names you want. Blame me for anything from lung cancer to your dog's emphysema, but hear me out first.

Yes, your little ban makes smoking a lot less attractive for young kids and first time smokers, and it would also improve the air quality in bars and bowling alleys. But you need to understand the people that are going into these places are already killing their livers with \$10 all you can drink specials; Why not kill the lungs too?

I understand that secondhand smoke is hazardous to your health, but so is running with scissors, eating fast food and talking on a cell phone while driving. I want to propose a "no running with scissors" ban in the city

of Maryville. There will be no running with scissors in classrooms, preschools or houses. Scissors are not allowed to be handled while traveling at a speed greater than 1.2 mph.

Should we make overeaters stand outside 20 feet from the McDonald's entrance during a snowstorm to pound McDoubles? Should compulsive shoppers be barred from Wal-Mart. I know it may sound ridiculous, but banning smokers from places that smokers traditionally smoke is just as absurd.

The bottom line is the most practical way to deal with secondhand smoke is to



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simply avoid it. Don't work at a bar if you don't like smoke. I thought that was one of those obvious things you were taught as a child, like don't dance on a pole if you want to be respected, or don't

wear a visor upside-down and backwards if you don't want to get hit with rocks.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

REVIEW

Little Heroes deliver one for the musically indecisive

By Philip Gruenwald
Missourian Reporter

The Little Heroes' latest album, "Thank You," serves to spit in the face of those who say, "You can't please everyone." This clean, peaceful and wistful indie-pop album earns credibility not with a strong, uniquely recognizable sound, but with sheer variety. From acoustic picking to steady, driving riffs, "Thank You" offers the complete melodically blissful package one

looks for in an album.

Released Tuesday, "Thank You" is amiable, not animated. It's passive and not powerful, simple not stellar and happy not heavy. It encompasses all of indie-pop's redeeming virtues; it's honest and completely lacking pretense.

Depending on what track you're listening to, The Little Heroes can be compared to Silversun Pickups, Death Cab for Cutie and Daphne Loves Derby, but never all at the same time. It sounds like a

pseudo-neurotic identity crisis, but it somehow translates naturally for the band.

The first three tracks demonstrate clearly the odd mixture of sounds found in the rest of the album. "Say I'll Be Gone" forecasts an album of tender, whispery vocals and incipient mainstream hooks.

Several mood transitions later, the listener stumbles on one of few dull spots in "Thank You." "Back Where You Came From," the album's token acoustic song is nothing

to write home about. A dream-fest of warm cotton and cinnamon sugar, this track does a poor job representing The Little Heroes' acoustic talents.

The album quickly redeems itself with "What You Wanted." Vocalist James Lombardo breaks character and belts out clean, soaring vocals begging the listener to sing along with.

There's a fine line between maturity and over-production, and "Thank You" tends

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VOLLEYBALL

'Hounds finish record-breaking season; take fourth in state

By Tony Botts
Comm. Sports Editor

Maryville's record breaking season has finally come to an end; 37 wins later.

During the two day tournament, the 'Hounds went 1-2 in pool play, beating College Heights while suffering defeats at the hands of Hermann and Scott City.

"I really don't think we played too well the whole time here," head coach Lori Klaus said. "We never really played our game."

Klaus also said that nerves as well as an overall better group of competition contributed to the 'Hounds struggles.

With pool play out of the way, the 'Hounds took the court early Saturday morning against a team they beat early in pool play; College Heights.

Leah Bostwick started the scoring for the 'Hounds

with an ace on her first serve and helped the team take an early 3-0 lead. However, the 'Hounds dropped the next six match points.

"I think in the first game we took ourselves out of the game with our servicing," Klaus said. "We can't run our offense if we don't pass the ball. Yesterday we swung around their block, today we hit right into it."

The 'Hounds kept the remainder of the game close, but eventually lost the first game 25-22.

The Cougars took their momentum and jumped to an early four point lead to begin the second game. The 'Hounds would not have the lead until they were able to fight their way and took a late 23-22 lead.

A few match points later, with the 'Hounds leading 25-24, senior Jordan Steins dropped the ball in between

a group of Cougar defenders for the match point and the win. One of the referees however called a questionable lift, according to Klaus, and granted the point to the Cougars.

The 'Hounds went on to lose 29-27, and watched as the third place trophy was handed to College Heights.

Once in the locker room, Klaus emphasized how special of a season they had.

"It's been an awesome season," Klaus said. "Record breaking in many ways and it's a great group of girls. They obviously have heart; they fought back in that second game and could have given up, but they didn't."

The 'Hounds fourth-place finish is the highest finish ever in Maryville volleyball history.

It almost seems fitting that it would be Klaus' first freshman class to accomplish this along side of her.



photo by lori frankenfield | chief photographer

SENIOR MIDDLE HITTER Jordan Steins spikes the ball at College Heights Christian defenders during the State Volleyball Championships at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City on Saturday.

"It feels really good," Bostwick said. "It shows that she really built us up to what we are now. She taught us

everything we know, practically. It's amazing and she should be really proud of herself."

With another season in the book, Klaus and junior Rachel Tobin look to continue the team's success next fall.

FOOTBALL

'Hounds look to use momentum from nail-biter against Hogan Prep in quarterfinal match-up

By Christopher Woodland
Contributing Reporter

Maryville hopes its nail-biting finish on Monday will provide the spark the team needs to prevail in its Class 2 quarterfinal match-up on Saturday.

Maryville fended off Lawson's fourth quarter rally to hold on 15-7 at Lawson, and set up a quarterfinal game against Hogan Prep in Maryville this Saturday.

Maryville led 15-0 entering the fourth quarter, thanks

to a pair of touchdown runs by Gavin Talmadge and a successful two-point conversion.

Lawson quarterback Taylor Akey led the Cardinals to one touchdown early in the final quarter to close the gap to eight, and took over again with 3:28 remaining, after the Spoofhounds ran nearly seven minutes off the clock.

"It took time off the clock and helped our defense out," Holt said. "We just didn't hold a couple more blocks there to get another first

down. Scoring there would have been great, but milking the time off the clock was more important."

Maryville defensive back Derek DeMott dashed any hopes of a dramatic Lawson comeback, though, when he separated Lawson receiver Jordon Akers from the ball on a third-down pass from Akey with just more than a minute remaining in the contest.

"As soon as I hit him I felt the ball sort of in my hands, like we both had it," DeMott said. "We just had to have

something happen and I got lucky enough."

Defensive Lineman Clint Thompson thinks the close game will benefit the 'Hounds after beating their previous four opponents by no less than 29 points.

"It kind of brought us back down to earth," Thompson said. "After playing those other schools that we've been beating by a lot, it just brought us back down to fundamentals."

The 'Hounds (11-1) now faces Hogan Prep (11-1), who

comes to Maryville after their own nail-biter.

The Rams overcame a three-point deficit late in the fourth quarter of their sectional game to beat Carrollton 33-30.

"They have more weapons on offense any team we've played this year," Holt said. "It's one of those things where we have to do a good job of not allowing them to get the football to those weapons. They aren't as good as some of the teams we've played up front this

year, but they do try to get the ball into the hands of their skill guys."

With such a potent offense, Holt feels the 'Hounds' offense needs to bring it's A-game to alleviate some of the pressure on the 'Hounds' defense.

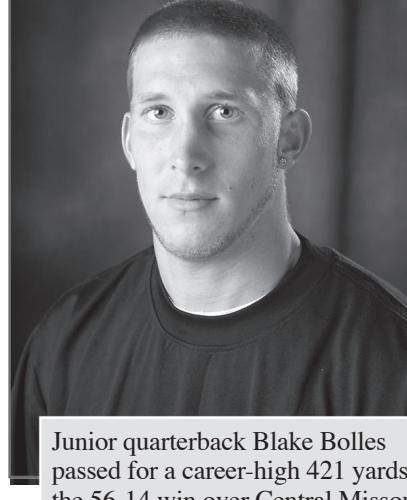
"They're a dangerous football team," Holt said. "Even if we do everything right, sometimes they may just make a play because they are more athletic."

The game is set for 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Maryville.

NORTHWEST

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Blake Bolles



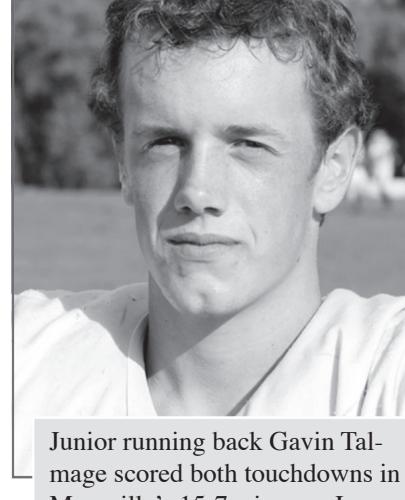
Junior quarterback Blake Bolles passed for a career-high 421 yards in the 56-14 win over Central Missouri on Saturday. Bolles accounted for five touchdowns in the victory, four passing and another rushing. Bolles was named first-team All-MIAA by the conference's coaches.

Laira Akin



Sophomore setter Laira Akin recorded a four-set season high with 45 assists in a 3-1 loss to conference leader Central Missouri last Friday. Akin also recorded her second straight double-double by recording 13 digs in the match. She also recorded a kill in the losing effort.

Gavin Talmage



Junior running back Gavin Talmage scored both touchdowns in Maryville's 15-7 win over Lawson on Monday night. His 5-yard run in the second quarter put the 'Hounds up 8-0 after a 2-point conversion. His ten yard run in the third quarter sealed the win.

Maryville Volleyball



The Spoofhound volleyball team took fourth in the State Playoffs in Kansas City. They finish the season with a school record 37 wins and the satisfaction of knowing they made it farther than any other 'Hounds volleyball team has. They return only one player to varsity next season.

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'Cats hungry for final 3 matches

By Brian Bosiljevac
Sports Editor

The Bearcat volleyball team will head into its final three matches of the season with something to prove.

That 'Cats are rebounding off a 3-1 loss to No. 6 Central Missouri.

The team wasn't upset with the loss, they battled in every set and gave Central all it could handle from the 13-20 'Cats.

"After the game we were all kind of just standing there and it didn't even feel like we lost," freshman Kelsey Larson said. "We were all really excited. We played really well. I was excited with how we played. I thought we played our best volleyball all year long. Hopefully with our last three games we can take the momentum we have from that game and just keep going."

Larson was a big part of why the 'Cats were able to hang with the Jennies.

She led the team with

double-digit kills, tallying 12 for the night. Larson also hit .321, had five digs and a solo block.

"I've just been going up trying to be smart and at the same time just swing away," Larson said. "Usually you can take it off the block, but you know your going to get blocked. I think it's just realizing that they will block you, but you also will hit around them too."

Larson and her teammates combined to out hit the seventh team in the country .215 to .205 in the loss.

"We came out disciplined," interim head coach Allison Rogers said. "I think that was the most disciplined we've been all season. As far as getting things done, knowing what they needed to do and accomplishing what they needed to do."

The 'Cats went on the road Wednesday to take on Missouri Western.

The Griffons stole a five

set match from Northwest the last time the two teams met on Oct. 14. Results of the match we're unavailable at press time.

Friday the 'Cats will take on No. 19 Truman in the final match of the season at Bearcat Arena.

The match against nationally ranked Truman will mark the tenth consecutive week the 'Cats have taken on a ranked squad.

Then Saturday's road match against Missouri Western will bring an end to the season.

Northwest squeaked by the Tigers on Oct. 17, winning the match in five sets. They hope to pull out a win again, ending the season on a winning note.

"I just expect us to play like we did against Central," Rogers said. "Just coming out disciplined, focused and with high energy. We just need to

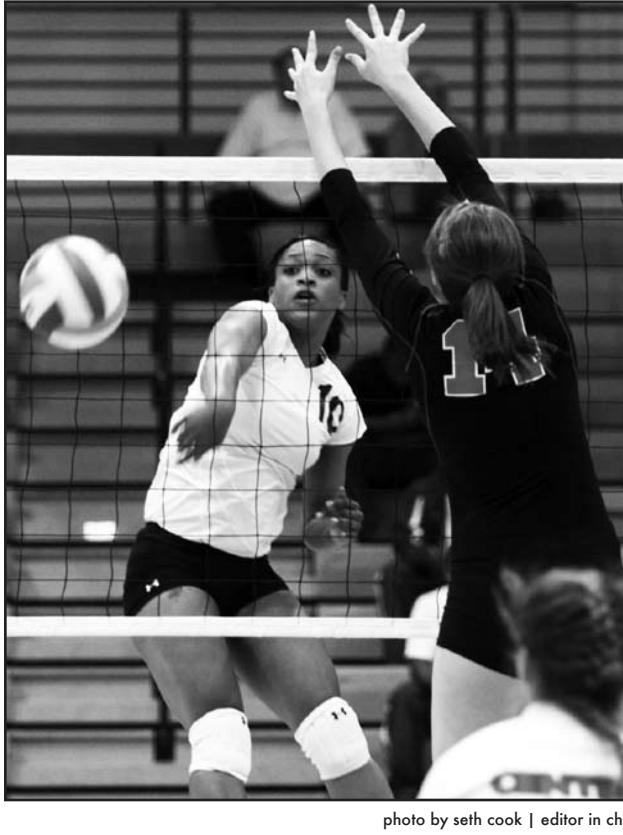


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SOPHOMORE OUTSIDE HITTER Ashley Mitchell spikes the ball in the first set of the 'Cats 1-3 loss to UCM.

know as individuals that we need to get the job done and sure enough it'll come together."

"It's a great note to end on and that's the mentality that I think we need to

have. We have nothing to lose at this point. We have every opportunity to go out and take care of teams and make the regional rankings a little bit harder than it could've been."

FOOTBALL SATURDAYS



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'CATS DEFENSIVE LINEMAN Micah Wilson (left) and Tyler Roach (right) celebrate after a blocked field goal.

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(8-3) 7 0 0 7 — 14



(10-1) 21 14 14 7 — 56

MAA STANDINGS

School	MAA	Overall
Northwest	9-0	10-1
Central Mo.	6-3	8-3
Mo. Western St.	6-3	8-3
Washburn	6-3	8-3
Neb.-Omaha	6-3	7-4
Fort Hays St.	4-5	5-5
Pittsburg St.	3-6	5-6
Mo. Southern St.	3-6	3-7
Emporia St.	1-8	2-9
Truman	1-8	2-9

SOCCER: 'Cats look towards future

Continued from A10

when Kansas played Fort Hays. Getting the word of your school out nationwide, you can't buy that kind of advertising."

Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. tomorrow night at Mizzou Arena in Columbia.

"We're really excited about the season with a new coach," Boerigter said. "He's got a real new team and we know that this is really a formidable challenge for them, but it'll be fun watching them play."

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Hoza hopes next year's seniors can do the same thing.

"They've got to be able to set the tone, but it has to be their own tone," Hoza said.

Along with losing players on the field, the Cats are losing a big player off the field. Graduate assistant Shuhei Sano, who acted as an assistant coach, also finished up his last season with the team.

Sano felt that the returning seniors from last year were a big boost for the 'Cats and helped them start off strong. Sano, who wants to be a translator for pro athletes someday, is very optimistic about next season.

"There's going to be a bunch of new blood coming in," Sano said. "But we've set program records two years in a row and I think we're moving in the right direction."

BASKETBALL: Road trip to Mizzou means national coverage for Bearcats

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as good as any D-II would, we match up OK."

While McCollum sees how the game benefits the team, Boerigter sees beyond the hardwood and into the marketability of the program and the school.

"First of all there is the benefit for the student athlete that is playing in that," Boerigter said. "Basketball coaches always love the

step up in competition because it helps make them better. And of course there is the benefit that those kids get to play in that type of environment and atmosphere. It's exposure for your university. The game is going to be on FOX Sports Midwest, so our alumni base can all see Northwest play. Because it is nationally televised, if there are some highlights, they may appear on ESPN, just like the other night

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RS-FR. WIDE RECEIVER Tyler Shaw tries to escape a UCM defender after grabbing a pass. Shaw finished with 110 yards receiving.

'Cats earn honors, get ahead during bye week

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

During their bye week, the Bearcats received good news as 11 players were selected All-MIAA by the conference's coaches.

Senior running back LaRon Council highlighted the list by being named the conference Offensive Player of the Year.

"It's an incredible feeling," Council said. "It's just a total tribute to our offense. If we weren't as productive as we are, I don't think I'd even be mentioned. We just have a pretty explosive offense and I have to pay tribute to those guys as well."

Five offensive teammates joined Council on the first team. Junior quarterback Blake Bolles, sophomore wide receiver Jake Soy, a unanimous pick, and junior offensive linemen Jason Wiseman and Brett Grozinger were all slated as first team picks.

On the defensive side of the ball, senior safety Myles Burnsides, junior cornerback Ryan Jones, sophomore linebacker Chad Kilgore and senior nose tackle Tyler Roach were all named to the first-team.

Senior defensive linemen Sean Padlock and Shayne Shade were nabbed as second-team selections.

In addition to player's honors on the field, head coach Mel Tjeerdsma received his fourth consecutive coach of the year award and 11th overall.

"They should really give out a staff of the year award," Tjeerdsma said. "Our staff has really done a great job. You look at the inexperience on offense and where we've come. You look at all of the injuries that we've had on defense and how we've been able to adjust to that. I think our staff has done a great job."

Following the bye week, the 'Cats will take on the winner of the Midwestern State-Abilene Christian game. Northwest is the second seed in Super Region four.

"We're preparing for both teams this week," Council said. "We're trying to get a head start on them since they won't be preparing for us yet. We're going to get a pretty good jump on them and be ready for whoever comes out of that game."

Northwest fell 19-14 to No. 18 Abilene Christian in the season opener in Abilene, Texas.

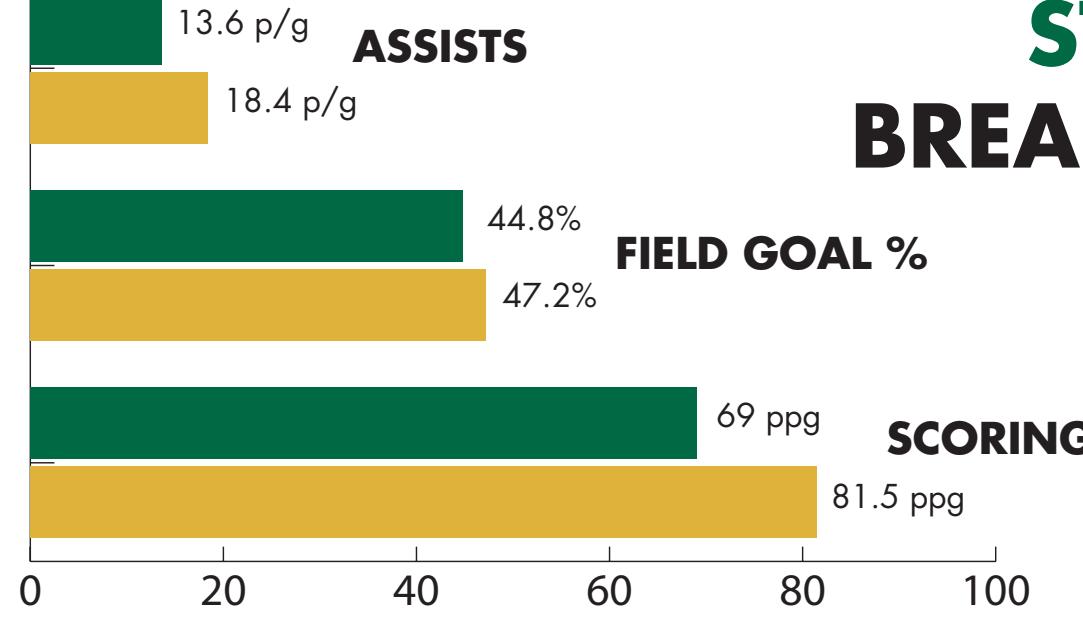
"I'd like to play Abilene again," Council said. "As a senior, you always want to kind of revenge your losses. I'd like to play them again to see if we can get them the second time."

The last time the Bearcats played No. 7 Midwestern State was in the 2006 NCAA Playoffs. Northwest came away with a 26-0 win on its way to a National Title game appearance.

Midwestern features the top-rated quarterback in the nation in passing efficiency with junior Zach Eskridge under center. They also have the seventh-leading receiver in the nation in wideout Andy Tanner.

"We always try to limit the big plays," Burnsides said. "Like Bolles and Soy have been so special this year getting the big

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RS-FR. WIDE RECEIVER Tyler Shaw tries to escape a UCM defender after grabbing a pass. Shaw finished with 110 yards receiving.

BEARCATS IN THE ZOU

'Cats take on Tigers in opener

By Jason Lawrence
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When the Bearcats tip-off its 2009-10 season, it'll be against an unfamiliar opponent in an atmosphere none of the 'Cats have experienced thus far.

Northwest begins the campaign against the Big 12 tournament champion Missouri Tigers in Columbia, Mo. tomorrow.

"I think it's a good start," senior guard Edriss Floyd said. "It'll be a big challenge, but it's something none of us have got to see before. We all get to experience the game at that level, so that'll be cool."

The 'Cats have been here before, but it was before anyone, including the coach was part of the program.

"We've played them before," Athletics Director Dr. Bob Boreigter said. "We played them four or five years ago down there. We got into that deal when the Missouri Athletic Director was on a tour in this area. He was speaking in town and somebody said, 'why don't you play Northwest in basketball?' He said well I'll have to call Bob about that, and sure enough they did and we got it lined up."

This time, new head coach Ben McCollum made the game happen as Boerigter said he wasn't involved in the process at all this time.

"We just kept calling and kept calling," McCollum said. "Eventually they just called back and said they'd do it. They've kind of got a rotation, so it'll be every three or four years, we'll get this game."

McCollum's first game on the bench will come against the Tigers, who recorded a program record 31 wins last year.

"I think it'll be fun," McCollum said. "It'll be an eye-opening experience for the guys and myself."

Mizzou head coach Mike Anderson will rely more heavily on his vaunted defense with the departures of DeMarre Carroll and Leo Lyons.

"They don't allow you to make a pass if you don't cut hard to get open," McCollum said. "They don't allow you to do anything unless you do it hard. They just relentlessly pressure you, they're coming at you the whole game. That'll be good for our guys to see and hopefully

we can learn something from it and carry it over to the MIAA."

The Tigers opened exhibition play last Friday, obliterating Truman State University 96-33. The win moved Missouri to 7-0 all-time in exhibition games under Anderson.

Laurence Bowers led Mizzou with 14 points and 12 rebounds. The forward will play a big role in replacing Carroll and Lyons and will provide a big matchup problem for the Bearcats.

"With any Big 12 school, at our level, you just don't match up well because the talent is so much different," McCollum said. "I know people see it on TV, but when you're not live at it, you don't understand how incredibly athletic, well-coached and tough those teams are. I guess we match up

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'Cats end season with school record in wins

By Trey Williams
Missourian Reporter

The women's soccer team ends their season with a school record 11 wins. They hope next year will bring more wins.

"It was a good last season," senior goalkeeper Kira Lazenby said. "We didn't get as many wins as I'd hoped we would and didn't go as far, but it was fun."

Lazenby is one of six starting seniors not returning next year. With a total of

eight seniors leaving, next year's squad is going to be pretty young.

"We have a great bunch of freshmen, sophomores and juniors that are coming back next year," head coach Tracy Hoza said.

Among this group are next year's seniors; Amanda Olah, Andrea Freeman and Kelsey Sanders; next year juniors, Jacque Dedovesh and Kate Horvat; and next year sophomores Merydeth Cummings and Amanda Bundrant.

Usually a young team

means less experience, but Hoza said most of them saw a lot of playing time.

"A lot of them are significant team players," Hoza said. "We've got some good young leaders coming up."

Although the 'Cats are losing several seniors, someone has to step in and fill their shoes. Hoza said one of the things that was good about this year was the way the seniors set the tone for the season.

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